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SUBJECT: PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS

1. IN CONTEXT U.S. OBJECTIVE OF STABILITY AND SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL RECONCILIATION OF DIFFERENCES IN SUBCONTINENT, EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO SHARE WITH GOI AT AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY OUR VIEWS ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL UNDERSCORE TO GOI THAT BASIC U.S. INTERESTS IN REGIONAL PEACE REMAIN UNCHANGED AND NOT INHERENTLY IN CONFLICT WITH INDIAN OBJECTIVES.

2. EMBASSY MAY DISCLOSE TO GOI RECENT EFFORTS BY SENATOR PERCY TO DEFUSE PAK-AFGHAN TENSIONS, DRAWING IN PARTICULAR ON MADRID 1393 AND STATE 50422. IN SO DOING, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BE HELPFUL WITHOUT GETTING INTO MEDIATOR'S ROLE AND WITHOUT MAKING JUDGMENTS ON THE MERITS OF THE DISPUTE. OUR EFFORT IN THIS REGARD
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WAS DIRECTED TOWARD NUDGING TWO SIDES INTO RESUMPTION OF

DIALOGUE THAT WAS JUST BEGINNING IN EARLY FEBRUARY BEFORE
SHERPAO ASSASSINATION. WHATEVER THE RESULTS OF THE PERCY
INITIATIVE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE RESTRAINT ON BOTH
SIDES IN THE HOPE THAT THEY WILL FIND WAYS OF TALKING THEIR
PROBLEMS OUT BILATERALLY.

3. WE WOULD OF COURSE WELCOME INDIA'S VIEWS BUT DO NOT

WANT YOU TO CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT OUR INTEREST SUGGESTS
INCREASED U.S. INVOLVEMENT OR MORE ACTIVIST USG APPROACH
WITH REGARD TO SUBCONTINENTAL ISSUES. WE BELIEVE THAT IN-
DIA SHARES OUR HOPE THAT THE PAK-AFGHAN DISPUTE WILL NOT
COMPLICATE THE CONTINUATION OF THE SIMLA PROCESS WHICH WE
CONTINUE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT. INGERSOLL

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